

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1905.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Last season 35.04 per cent. of the cotton crop came into sight after December 23; in 1902 41.17 per cent, and in 1901 41.64 per cent. If a proportionate amount of this year's crop is still unmarketed, that is to say not brought into sight, the estimate of the Agricultural Department cannot be far wrong, and the ginners' report issued by the census bureau may be approximately correct. This year's crop was, however, marketed much more rapidly than either last year's crop or the crops of 1902 and 1901 and it is probable that more than two-thirds of the crop has already been brought into sight.

From time immemorial it has been the custom of the devil to cite scripture to suit his purpose, and now that an editor has begun to follow suit, Holy Writ is likely to be put to strange uses.

The overproduction of cotton causes greater loss to the South in one year than the boll weevil has caused since it crossed the Rio Grande.

The address delivered before the association of City School Superintendents by Supt. S. H. Edmunds, which was reproduced in full yesterday, was a very able paper. It should be read by every person who is in anywise interested in education.

The decision of the Georgia farmers to burn their surplus cotton has a sting tied to it, and the cotton is in no danger. If they hold their cotton until other farmers agree to burn 2,000,000 bales it will be on their hands a long time.

If there is wisdom in a multitude of counsel the Chamber of Commerce meets meeting might just as well have placed the entire membership on the board of directors. Twenty-three is either entirely too many or too few.

The Republicans of Colorado appear to have made up their minds to steal the Governorship, and, having the machinery in their hands, will be able to carry out their nefarious plans. The Democrats have no recourse, except revolution, and they seem inclined to resort to such radical means to secure justice.

Gov. Heyward, who is now engaged in completing his annual message, is receiving lots of gratuitous advice from those who imagine they know more about running the executive department than those on the inside.

Director of the Census North is greatly concerned because he fears that the cotton ginners may refuse to cooperate with his department in the collection of statistics of the cotton crop. If the ginners decline to furnish reports the census office will be unable to issue reports, and this Mr. North thinks would be a serious matter. The people of the South have, to a great extent, lost confidence in the reliability of the census report, and the discontinuance of the reports would not be a serious matter, except to the speculators, to whom it furnishes an opportunity to make wagers on the probable estimate to be issued by the bureau on some future date.

The membership fee of \$10 seems to be a stumbling block to many who are in sympathy with the Chamber of Commerce movement and would like to become members. Would it not be better to have two hundred members at \$5, or even one hundred and fifty at that figure than one hundred at \$10? The organization will be dependent upon the monthly dues for its support and permanence, and the larger the membership, the greater the monthly income.

Mr. A. G. Brown has accepted a position as assistant overseer on the Rose Hill plantation and is moving from this city to Rural this week. Mr. Brown superintended the farming interests of the Booth Live Stock Co. during the past year with great success and he goes to Rose Hill because the Booth Live Stock Company will curtail their farming operations this year.

It is rumored that there is a movement on foot to organize another bank in this city. The reports reaching us seem to be authentic and it is almost a certainty that there will be another bank in Sumter within a very short time. The projected new bank, which is being promoted by some of the most successful business men of the city will have a capital stock of not less than \$50,000.

The physicians who are interested in the Sumter Training School for Nurses held a meeting Friday night for the purpose of reorganizing the school and mapping out the work for the next year. The entire subject was discussed and there was a free and full interchange of views. The schedule of lectures to be delivered and the course of study for 1905 were not fully agreed upon, but the school will begin the New Year in better shape than ever before and the work to be done will be more thorough and comprehensive than heretofore.

THE NEW RAILROAD.

THE TEMPORARY SURVEY COMPLETED TO BETHUNE.

The Success or Failure of the Enterprise Now Depends Upon the Attitude of Land Owners.

The preliminary survey of the Sumter & Northern Railroad from this city via Bishopville to Bethune on the Seaboard Air Line has been completed and for the last few days the engineers have been engaged in riding over the country between this city and Bishopville with the view of obtaining data so that if it becomes necessary they may make other preliminary surveys with the least possible loss of time. It is thought, however, that the best and most practicable route was selected at first, and while it may be necessary to deviate from the preliminary line to some extent when the permanent survey is made and the right of way located, it is believed that the road, when built, will follow the preliminary survey from this city to Bishopville. After leaving Bishopville one of three routes are open, viz, to Bethune, to McBee to Cassatt. Each route has advantages and disadvantages and it remains to be determined which has a preponderance of advantages over the other two, and when that point shall be settled the line will be located and the junction point on the Seaboard Air Line selected.

No effort has yet been made to secure the rights of way and the terminals in this city and Bishopville, but this matter will be taken up in the near future; as it is, all things considered, the vital point of the entire enterprise, for upon the attitude of the land owners along the line of the road, depends the success or failure of the undertaking. If the rights of way are donated by land owners and if the city of Sumter and the town of Bishopville are liberal and public spirited in respect to terminal facilities the Sumter & Northern is a certainty and will be in operation at an early day.

WILL HOLD COTTON.

Farmers of Sumter Will Not Sell Until They Get Their Price.

A mass meeting of the farmers of Sumter county was held in the Opera House Monday in response to the call of Mr. E. D. Smith, who attended the cotton meeting in Shreveport.

Mr. A. B. Stuckey was elected Chairman and Mr. Peter M. Pitts Secretary.

The situation that confronts the cotton growers of the South was discussed at some length, all of those who spoke being in favor of some steps being taken to control the price of cotton so that the producers may obtain at least the cost of production.

Messrs. W. A. Bowman, Neill O'Donnell, W. D. Frierson, W. D. Scarborough, H. C. Bethea and J. K. McElvaen addressed the meeting. Resolutions offered by Mr. Neill O'Donnell to the effect that the acreage this year be reduced twenty-five per cent and that a proportionate reduction in the amount of fertilizer used be made, was adopted.

A resolution requiring all farmers to sign a pledge to reduce their cotton acreage, as above stated was adopted. It was also agreed that all farmers who now have cotton on hand pledge themselves to sell no cotton until after the meeting of farmers to be held in New Orleans January 24-26.

Messrs. J. M. Woodley and W. A. Bowman were elected delegates to the New Orleans meeting and Messrs. E. E. Rembert and Neill O'Donnell, were chosen as alternates. A collection was taken up to provide funds for the expenses of the delegates to New Orleans.

It was also decided that the Chairman appoint a committee of five farmers—three white and two negroes—to canvass each township to secure the pledge of each and every farmer to reduce the cotton acreage and decrease the amount of supply of fertilizers. The meeting was well attended and those present seemed to be very much in earnest in their determination to do something to increase the price of cotton.

FIRES.

Deficient Water Pressure Handicapped the Fire Department.

A fire occurred on the premises of Mr. J. D. Chandler, South Washington street last Monday the barn and stables being totally destroyed and the servant's house seriously damaged.

The fire originated in the stables, its origin being unknown, and spread to the servant's house before the fire department arrived.

The firemen made a good fight, despite the deficient water pressure, and the servant's house was extinguished before the building was entirely destroyed.

The dwelling house, which was only a few feet distant from the servant's house, was not damaged at all. The loss, which will be about \$150, is covered by insurance.

But for the lack of pressure the damage would have been much less, for had there been a full pressure the servant's house could have been extinguished before much damage had been done by the fire.

The Firemen Called On Again.

The tireless firemen were called to duty again Monday at 1 o'clock.

It was fortunate, indeed, that some young boys playing in the Masonic Temple discovered large volumes of smoke coming out of the roof of the building and permeating the second floor. The alarm was sent in at once, and saved incalculable damage to one of Sumter's finest buildings. The roof of the building is now being painted, and it is evident that some one who was passing through the man-hole to the roof dropped a lighted cigarette or match into an accumulation of trash on the floor. The fire was extinguished at once, and little damage, if any, was done.

There is still a great deal of cotton in the hands of Sumter county farmers, but they are not selling it. The receipts on the local market now average from eight to ten bales a day. There is practically no local market, middling is worth here about six cents.

SUMTER'S PHENOMENAL GROWTH.

FORCIBLY BROUGHT HOME TO THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Great Improvements in the Terminal Facilities to Be Made at Once.

The magnitude of the freight business done at Sumter has influenced the Atlantic Coast Line authorities to make immediate arrangements to facilitate the handling and distribution of the enormous quantity of freight that daily arrives in this city. Accordingly they have purchased a twelve acre lot of land lying south of the main line of the A. C. L. from Mr. W. M. Graham, paying for the same somewhere between \$300 and \$400 per acre. This tract of land, together with a V shaped lot, situated between the W. C. & A. road and the Mayesville public road, near their intersection, will be utilized as a freight transfer yard. This is certainly a substantial indication of the giant strides that Sumter is taking along commercial lines, and points unmistakably to the fact that our city is recognized as a center of industry and progress.

The item announced several months ago that plans and surveys were being made for the laying of a new track, over which trains would be enabled to approach the passenger depot head-on, instead of having to back in, as is the present arrangement. These plans have been perfected, and it will not be long before work on the new track will begin.

It is rumored that a 2½ acre tract of land, belonging to Mrs. S. E. Brand, lying west of the freight depot and extending to the property of the Sumter Cotton Mill has, also, been purchased by the Coast Line for the purpose of giving more room in the yards. Sumter has now become a distributing point for freight; and by reason of its splendid geographical situation, a convenient point for the transfer and distribution of freight to the various towns in South Carolina; and the railroad officials are taking steps to handle this business.

BROGDON PERSONALS.

Many of the Young Folks Spent the Christmas Holidays at Home.

Brogdon, Jan. 3.—Miss Fannie Pipkin, of McCall, S. C., who has been visiting at Mr. Howard Jones, has returned with Miss Leslie Jones to the Welsh Neck High school at Hartsville.

Miss Gertrude Plowden, of Sumter, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Leslie Jones, has returned home.

Miss Grace Brogdon is at home from Chicora college, Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Allen Davis is at home from Massey Business College, Columbus, Ga.

Mr. R. G. Jones has returned to Clemson college after spending the Christmas holidays at home.

THE NEWS FROM IONA.

News Notes and Items of Interest at Iona.

Iona, Jan. 3.—While I am in Lee county and love my county don't think I have forgotten the good old Watchman and Southron. I look for its weekly visits each Thursday. We have daily mail at this office now.

There is a general moving of the working people in this section.

The oat crop is very promising so far, but the cold may kill them yet.

A very good crop of almost everything was made in this section the past year and the farmers are in a more prosperous condition this fall than I have ever known. You can see a few bales of cotton in almost every yard.

At a negro frolic at Mr. H. L. Atkinson's saw mill last Saturday morning Colie Milron shot Will Carter, all colored, in the stomach with a 32-calibre pistol. Colie Wilson has been arrested and placed in jail at Bishopville. Will Carter is not expected to live, but is alive today.

The evidence is that while they were dancing at about 3 o'clock a. m., Colie Milron was dancing with Annie Milrons. At the end of the set she went to Will Carter and put her arms around him, which act made Colie mad. He said he would kill Will and drew his pistol, but the crowd took his pistol from him and all made friends. Will and Colie then went to get some supper. As they came back to the house where the dancing was going on Colie asked Will if he had a pistol. Will told him yes. He asked to let him see it and shot him as soon as he handed it to him. Colie first said Will had shot himself, but afterward said it was an accident.

Except with the negroes Christmas was very quiet here.

I will try to remember you oftener than I have in the past.

FARMERS ORGANIZING.

Rafting Creek Falls Into Line and Elects Delegates.

Hagood, Dec. 31.—The farmers of Rafting Creek township met today at Rembert's Store and organized by electing H. C. McLeod Chairman and Jas. Reames Secretary.

After resolutions to the effect that we are in hearty sympathy with the movement and that delegates be sent unincorporated, that we accept and abide by the action of the county, state and state's conventions, the following were elected delegates to the county convention to meet in Sumter next Monday, Jan. 2:

W. J. Young, H. C. Bethea, S. Lee Young, Charles Young, A. K. Sanders, T. P. Sanders, J. E. Sanders, J. M. Reames, E. E. Rembert, D. V. Keels, Walter Harlee, W. R. Brown, J. E. Dupre, C. L. Emanuel, J. L. Gillis, H. C. McLeod, J. K. McLeod, R. M. James, C. A. Ellerbe, J. M. Jenkins and S. W. Young, all white; Cyrus Skinner, S. E. Frierson, Wilson, Richard Holiday, William Chese, Jr. and Nelson Douglas, colored.

NOTICE TO ALUMNI

South Carolina College Men Urged to Send in Contributions.

Messrs. Editors: I am in receipt today of another reminder from the Central Committee in Columbia that the Alumni of the South Carolina College in this county have not responded generally to the call heretofore made for subscriptions to aid the Centennial Committee in entertaining the guests while in Columbia. I have received contributions from Messrs. Eugene Aycock, H. A. Moses, D. W. Cattino, I. C. Strauss, Rev. James McDowell, D. M. Blanding, R. C. McFaddin, W. F. B. Haynsworth, Dr. J. C. Spann, H. L. Scarborough, J. W. Knight, H. C. Moses, and myself, but there are a great many who have not responded at all.

Will you please publish a notice urging those who have not contributed to do so at once, as the money will be actually needed for disbursement during the coming week, and oblige,

Yours truly,
Marion Moise, Collector.
Sumter, S. C., Jan. 3.

Sheriff W. H. Epperson took charge of his office Monday the retiring Sheriff, H. W. Scarborough, turning over the books to him. Mr. J. E. Gaillard, the Deputy Sheriff has been re-appointed and will continue in office.

The Southern Railway trestle at Green Swamp was burned Saturday night and service on the Sumter and Wateree branch was interrupted Sunday and Monday. The trestle was ignited, it is thought, by a spark from a passing engine and before the fire was discovered a large part of the trestle was burned.

STATEMENT OF

THE SUMTER SAVINGS BANK

At Close of Business, December 31, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans,	\$120,237 79
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks,	31,811 26
Total,	\$153,049 05

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock,	\$25,000 00
Deposits,	121,222 86
Undivided Profits,	6,058 19
Dividends payable Jan 1, '05	768 00
Total,	\$153,049 05

I, Geo. L. Ricker, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me this 31 day of January, 1905.

R. L. EDMUNDS, Notary Public, S. C.

Correct Attest:

H. HARRY, President,
H. M. STUCKEY,
G. A. LEMMON,
Directors.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION AND BUSINESS OF

The "Bank of Sumter," Sumter, S. C.

At the close of the quarter ending December 31, 1904, published in conformity with the Acts of the General Assembly.

ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts,	\$226,494 19
Bonds,	12,000 00
Real Estate	17,550 00
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,500 00
Cash on hand, Cash Items and Bankers,	155,891 35
Total,	\$413,435 54

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$ 75,000 00
Deposits,	306,694 57
Due to other Banks and Bankers,	3,422 06
Semi-Annual Dividend, payable on and after January 2, 1905,	3,000 00
Undivided surplus,	25,318 91
Total,	\$413,435 54

I, W. F. RHAME, Cashier of "The Bank of Sumter," do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. F. RHAME, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of January, 1905.

R. L. WRIGHT, [L. S.]
Notary Public for S. C.

Correct Attest:

W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH,
President,
RICHARD L. MANNING,
MARION MOISE,
Jan. 4, 1905.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

OF SUMTER, S. C.,

At Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	\$394,551 86
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	25,000 00
Bonds, securities, etc.,	32,000 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per ct. of circulation.)	1,250 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures,	3,000 00
Cash in vault, cash items and cash due by other banks and bankers,	84,295 31
Premium on U. S. Bonds,	406 25
Total,	\$540,503 42

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$100,000 00
Surplus and undivided profits	36,015 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	351,403 89
Due to other Banks and Bankers, 24,085 53	
Dividend payable on and after Jan. 2, 1905,	4,000 00
Circulation,	25,010 00
Total,	\$540,503 42

State of South Carolina, }
County of Sumter, } SS.

I, R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of Jan. 1905.

GEO. L. RICKER,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

A. J. CHENA,
G. A. LEMMON,
JOHN RIFE,
Jan. 2, 1905.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Rosa Lee Brunson Becomes Mrs. R. D. Sanders.

Miss Rosa Lee Brunson and Mr. R. D. Sanders were married last evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brunson, Rev. John G. Beckwith performed the ceremony which joined the happy young couple in the holy bonds of wedlock.

It was a quiet but pretty wedding. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion and when the bride couple entered the parlor where the ceremony took place, a prettier scene could not have been. The bride never looked more beautiful than did she in her wedding costume. After the ceremony, an elegant supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders left on the evening train for Sumter, to spend a few days after which they will return to Florence to make their home. They were the recipients of many congratulations and well wishes.

Mrs. Sanders is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brunson, and is a young lady of charming personalties. Mr. Sanders is a well known and popular young man and has many friends. He is in the employ of the Coast Line and enjoys the confidence of his employers.—*Florence Times*, Dec. 29.

Jim Dukes, a ragamuffin vagrant hailing from Summerton, was before the Recorder Wednesday and was sent to the chain gang for thirty days.

Cabbage Plants.

I have for sale Succession, Wakefield and Early Spring Cabbage Plants, grown in open air on sea coast from seeds bought from the best and most reliable Seedmen in the United States, at the following prices, F. O. B.:

Lots 1,000 to 5,000 \$1.50 Per M.
5,000 to 10,000 \$1.25

Lots over 10,000 special prices on application.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO DEALERS

Any information as to the cultivation of Cabbage will be cheerfully given on application.

S. J. RUMPH,

ADAMS RUN, S. C.

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INSURANCE VALUE

OF THE EYES.

The accident insurance policy that yields \$5,000 in case of death provides an indemnity of \$2,500 for the loss of both eyes.

This means that a blind man is practically half dead.

Guard your eyes with due care. If anything is he matter with them that glasses will remedy, consult

GLASSES FURNISHED WHICH ARE

FITTED AND MADE FOR YOUR EYES.

February 1st, 1905, is the time that I have set to move to Asheville, N. C. and I would like to have you take note of my address as I will be able to supply you with duplicate glasses and repairs just as well as if I were in your neighborhood. I have a record of all prescriptions and can duplicate any lens by seeing the broken pieces or referring to the original prescription. Mail orders solicited.

Colds

It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and prepares the system for the more serious diseases, among which are the two greatest destroyers of human life, pneumonia and consumption.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

has won its great popularity by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It aids expectoration, relieves the lungs and opens the secretions, effecting a speedy and permanent cure. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia.

Price 25c, Large Size 50c.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We wish all our Friends a Very Happy and Prosperous

NEW YEAR.

This salutation means more than idle words—it conveys our gratitude for their patronage, and the confidence reposed in us, without which the pleasures of business life would not be worth living.

To some the dawn of the New Year appears dark and unpromising, but they have been confronted by such conditions before and mastered them, and the education then received ought to aid them materially in meeting the present crisis. We have all been brought to a realization of the uncertainty of the price of cotton. In January of last year it sold at 16½ cents, and in December at 6 cents—a drop of more than \$50 per bale in twelve months. This is a lesson that no farmer should ever forget, that while cotton raising may be profitable, there is a limit to it, like all things, and that the smallest crops sell for the most money. We recommend to every cotton grower the action of the convention held here on Monday, and pledge ourselves to use what influence we may have to see that those resolutions are carried out.

O'Donnell & Company

Cabbage Plants and Sea Island Cotton Seed.

Cabbage Plants for sale, and now ready for delivery. "Early Jersey Wakefield" and "Charleston Large Type Wakefield," two earliest sharphead varieties and head in rotation as named. "Succession," "Augusta Truck" and "Short Stem Flat Dutch," the 3 best flat-head varieties and head in rotation as named. Prices: Single thousand, \$1.50; 5,000 and over \$1.25 per 1,000; 10,000 and over \$1 per 1,000. Terms: Cash with order; or, plants sent C. O. D., purchaser paying return charges on money. Our plant beds occupy 35 acres on South Carolina sea coast, and we understand growing them in the open air; tough and hardy; they will stand severe cold without injury. Plants crated for shipment weigh 20 lbs. per 1,000, and we have special low rates for prompt transportation by Southern Express Co. I know of other plants you can buy cheaper than mine. I sell good plants. No cheap "cut rate" plants shipped from my farm. I guarantee those that I ship to be true to type and name, and grown from high grade seeds purchased from two of the most reliable seed houses in the United States. I will refund purchase price to any dissatisfied customer at end of season.

OUR COTTON SEED. Lint of our Long Staple variety of Sea Island Cotton sold this year in Charleston on Dec. 2 at 32c per pound. Seed \$1.25 per bu.; lots of 10 bu. and over \$1 per bu.

W. O'GERATY, Post and Telegraph Office, Youngs Island, S. C.